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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: ROSSO FERRY -- UK UNIFLOAT

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1. EMBASSY PASSED CONTENTS REFTELS TO WALSGROVE AND LUDFORD, SAHEL ACTION OFFICERS AT OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM). LUDFORD REPORTS UK EMBASSY DAKAR HAS ALREADY REQUESTED SHIPMENT OF NEEDED OUTBOARD ENGINE PARTS WHICH HE IS FACILITATING. ON QUESTION OF SENDING TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING, WALSGROVE SAYS ODM WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SPARE PARTS TO GET FERRY PROJECT PROPERLY STARTED. ODM INSISTS, HOWEVER, THAT MAURITANIA DEVELOP CAPACITY MAINTAIN AND RUN FERRY AND THAT UK ASSISTANCE NOT EXTEND BEYOND INITIAL PERIOD. FURTHER TRAINING OF THE MAURITANIAN FERRY CAPTAIN IS OUT OF THE QUESTION AS BRITISH TECHNICIANS INVOLVED WITH UNIFLOAT PROJECT FEEL HE IS SUFFICIENTLY COMPETENT.

2. UK EMBASSY DAKAR OFFICIALS WERE SCHEDULED TO VISIT
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ROSSO WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 7 TO FURTHER EVALUATE SITUATION.

WALSGROVE SAYS FERRY SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY THEN.

3. WALSGROVE AND LUDFORD WERE SURPRISED AT OUR INTERVENTION IN THAT HMG HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOM. ALSO, THEY UNDERSTAND THERE ALREADY LARGE GRAIN STOCKS ON MAURITANIA SIDE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MOVED.

4. FYI: INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TODD, WHO VISITED LONDON AUGUST 30, CONFIRMED THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL GRAIN STOCKS IN MAURITANIA AT ROSSO WHICH GOM WAS NOT MOVING.
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